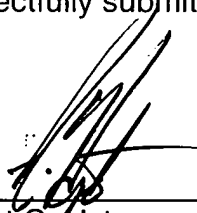


### REMARKS

Claims 1-53 are cancelled. The specification and the drawings have been amended. New claims 54-86 are added. Claims 54-86 are pending in the application. Examination of claims 54-86 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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